

## June 2018 Newsletter

**“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.

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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:**

Our 2018 Field Trip Co-chairs are Ken Lawson and John Moreau.

The following are club field trips and leaders:

Sun June 10	McDonald Ranch, Ashwood	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

## **Upcoming Programs:**

June 20	Al Liebrau	Fluorescents
July 18	Don Ross	Rock Painting
August 12	Club Picnic	Silent Auction, good food, social gathering
Sept 19	Member experiences in Tucson, how to “do” the Tucson show	
Oct 17	TBA	

## **CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **Minutes for the CORC Meeting May 16, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 42 members and guests were present.

**Secretary/Treasurer** - The April 2018, meeting minutes were published in the last newsletter. From now on, Board Meeting Minutes will be published online only. Marty Betsch gave the Treasurer’s Report. Expenditures included rent for the Redmond Senior Center and postage for mailing the newsletter to those who do not have email.

**Program** – Jan Whiteman presented a very interesting talk about the use of vibratory tumblers. She uses the Gy-Roc tumbler medium size and follows the directions that came with the tumbler on the use of adding grit. She emphasized the importance of washing the rocks really well before beginning the tumbling process and rinsing thoroughly between stages of grit. In fact, Jan uses a separate tumbler for the polish stage. In addition to grit, Jan adds a drop or two of liquid soap to the grit. One of the advantages of the vibratory tumbler is that you can be finished completely in less than three weeks.

Don Ross discussed the stages of the rotary tumbler. He recommends that media (ceramic beads, agates, or other) make up about 50-60% of the tumbler content. He uses media in all stages except the final stage, which is polish. One of the advantages of the rotary tumbler is that it shapes the rocks. Kingsley North is one source of grit. For more info on their products, see [kingsleynorth.com](http://kingsleynorth.com). Another useful website is [rocktumbler.com](http://rocktumbler.com) which has articles on how to tumble rocks and the use of media.

Ken Lawson showed some uses of polished stones in stepping stones and baskets for planters. Suzie showed tumbled stones as decorative items in vases.

**Announcements** – Elizabeth thanked Carley Brantley for producing her first newsletter.

**Federation** – Del and Clara Walker attended the Northwest Federation Show in Yakima, Washington. Clara asked if you have any thundereggs that were donated from the 79 claim from last year, please bring them cut so they can be given out at the Pow Wow.

Del is on the board of the Prineville Pow Wow and needs volunteers to help him get the site ready for the Pow Wow which takes place from June 14-17. Please contact him if you are interested in helping. Clara sent out a separate email asking for volunteers to stay with the CORC display case to handout brochures and tell the public about our club. Clara is also asking for special rocks from Oregon to put in our club display case.

**Newsletter/Electronic Media** – The deadline for submissions to the July newsletter is Wednesday, June 20. The club website is located at <https://corockcollectors.com/> The club Facebook site can be found under Central Oregon Rock Collectors and a link to it is also found on the club website. Informal rock collecting trips can be announced on Facebook.

**Field Trips** – The field trip held in May was very successful. Please see the separate article with pictures in the newsletter. Special thanks to Ken Lawson for organizing the trip and to Paul Asman for making the stairs to help climb the embankment.

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

**Sunday, June 10** – McDonald Ranch in Ashwood for petrified wood, angelwing agate and thundereggs led by Roger Whiteman. Please see the separate article in this newsletter. Club members and guests plan to meet at the Dairy Queen in Madras at 9 a.m. (Dairy Queen address is 483 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St.)

**June/July Rock Shows in Central Oregon** – no field trips are scheduled for July. Shows are held in Prineville, Madras and Sisters.

**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:

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

**July 18** – to be determined

**August 12** – Club picnic at Ken and Roxanne Lawson's house. Members may bring rock related items to sell. The silent auction helps raise club funds.

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

**October 17** – to be determined

**November** – club holiday party and potluck. Date to be determined. Members may bring club related items to sell.

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

**Sharing** – Several members brought samples of rocks collected on the White Fir field trip. Mike showed samples of sunstones collected from private and public mines. Steve brought samples of many kinds of rocks that had been tumbled.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

### **June Field Trip to McDonald Ranch**

Please join us on Sunday, June 10, for the field trip to McDonald Ranch. This site is normally open only for big events such as the Prineville Pow Wow. The site has thundereggs, opalized petrified wood and angel wing agate. It is a fee dig, so please bring cash. Prices range from \$1 to \$3 per pound. Even if you don't plan to purchase any rock, it is a scenic drive and a site not to be missed. There is no entrance fee to visit the ranch, but you might be tempted by the unusual treasures found there.

The club plans to meet at the Dairy Queen in Madras at 9 a.m. on June 9. The ranch is located outside of Madras and can be reached by any type of vehicle. Please bring buckets, rock hammers and shovels as well as water and lots of sunscreen this time of year. Roger Whiteman is leading the field trip.

### **June Rock Shows in Central Oregon**

This is a special time of year for rockhounds in Central Oregon. There are three rock shows that bring dozens of vendors to town. All shows offer free entrance and free parking. Check out the web sites for each show and we'll see you there!

June 14-17 Prineville Pow Wow – see the website for additional info: [prineville.rocks](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>

The Prineville Pow Wow is in need of a few people to map out vendor spots. Displays are available if club members wish to display things they have done. This set up is very easy and can be done in a short amount of time. If you are interested, please contact Del Walker @ **503-812-6450**.



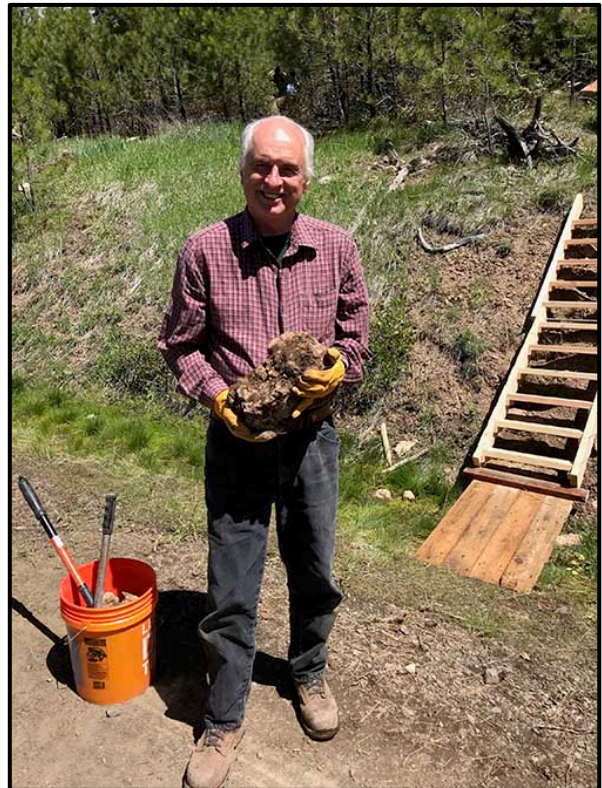
## May Field Trip was a Success

Over 30 members and guests attended the May field trip to the White Fir thunderegg beds in the Ochocos. It was a lovely spring day and just about everyone went home with some jasper-filled thundereggs. Thanks to Ken Lawson for organizing the trip and helping everyone find some eggs. Ken made sure everyone could spot him with his colorful shirt and hat. Paul Asman built portable stairs so everyone could access the site up a steep embankment. A good time was had by all.





## More Photos from White Fir





## McDermitt Trip by 14 Club Members

An unofficial trip to McDermitt took place the week of May 21. Some members stayed three days, while others enjoyed the entire week. McDermitt is located in the far eastern corner of Oregon and is located partially in Nevada. The area has a large variety of rock types including agate, petrified wood, thundereggs and picture jasper. We were sad to learn that the Gary Green jasper is on private property that was recently purchased. Rockhounds are no longer allowed to collect there and instead can purchase the unusual banded jasper for \$5/pound. Many club members visited the home of the new owners and were able to purchase thundereggs from the 79 bed as well as other types of rock.

May is normally a good time of year to visit McDermitt because it can be extremely hot in the summer, and there is no shade to be found. There is one motel in town with poor accommodations and one RV Park where you can tent camp or stay in your own trailer or RV. The casino (of course) on the Nevada side is open for those who prefer to eat out. Thanks to Jan Whiteman for organizing a group potluck on the one evening it didn't rain. If you didn't make the trip this year, perhaps you can come next year. It really helps to have someone show you around since the collecting area ranges over many square miles, and it seems as though there are dirt tracks going in every direction. John Moreau has excellent maps if you plan to make the trip.



Digging for thundereggs at McDermitt



The McDermitt Hills in full bloom

Did you get some great photos during a recent rockhounding adventure? Send them in to be included in the newsletter!

Email [carleybrantley@gmail.com](mailto:carleybrantley@gmail.com) or text to 541-306-9166, and be sure to include your name, where you went, and what you found.

**\*\*A big THANK YOU to Suzie Meeker for all the fantastic photos and field trip articles found in this edition of the newsletter!\*\***

## 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

Carley Brantley at [carleybrantley@gmail.com](mailto:carleybrantley@gmail.com). Make sure to include ONLY the specific contact information you want published as part of your ad!

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